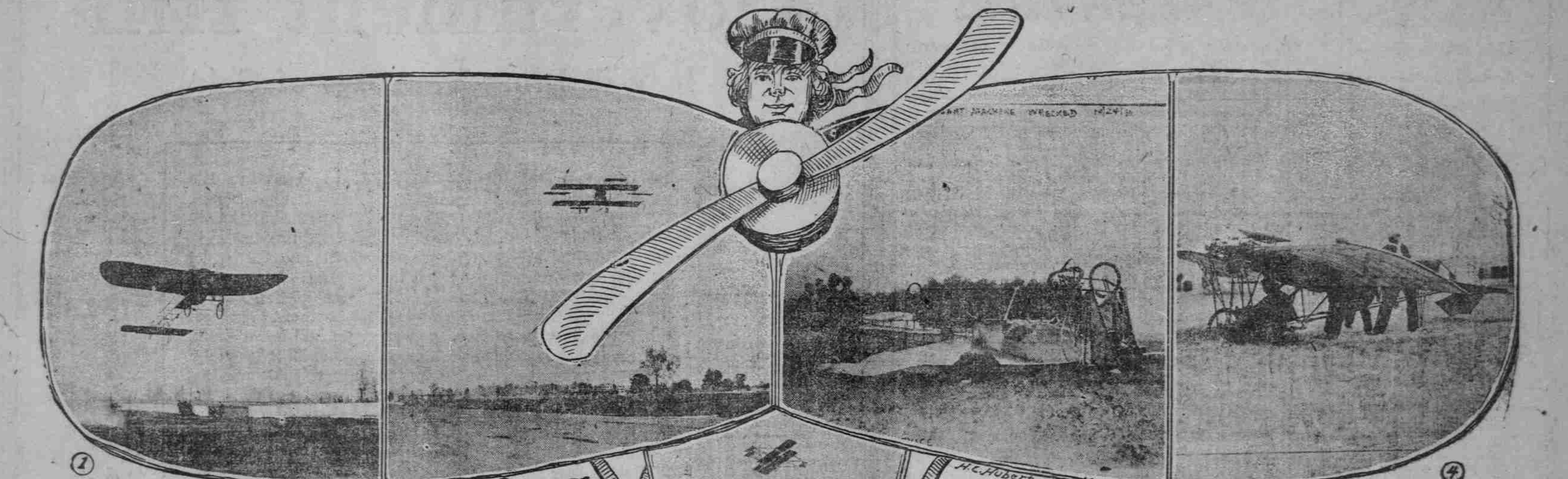


EL PASO PREPARES TO GREET THE MEN OF THE AIR

BIRD MEN TO
FLY TO GREAT
HEIGHTS

Simon, Garros, Hamilton
and Other Men With
Records Will Be Seen.

SEVERAL KINDS
OF AIR CRAFT

Monoplanes, Aeroplanes, Bi-
planes and Demoiselles to
Be Used.

AS THE day draws near for the coming of the international aviators for their five days' meet at Washington park, considerable interest must necessarily attach itself to the gathering of the most noted experts of this fascinating and hazardous sport. While aviation as an amusement is still in its swaddling clothes, it is well to note that the appearance of this distinguished bunch of bird men will mark an epoch, inasmuch as it will introduce locally the nearest to perfection of the heavier than air craft, the wonderful Elmeriott monoplane, the first to blaze the trail in a cross country flight, the first to brave the treacherous winds of the English channel, and the machine which in its graceful evolutions, in the hands of the several experts who will fly it here, has assumed the titles of the western hemisphere on its initial tour of introduction.

This wonderful machine, which bears the name of its designer, perhaps comes nearer to realization the dream of man since the days of Adam to emulate the graceful swoop of the soaring bird. Built upon lines that suggest strongly the idea of some gigantic bird of prey of prehistoric days, with its talons dangling in quest of its victim, this wonderful machine, under the guidance of the master hand of the pilot, seated in its back, swoops and dives and soars with the grace of a swallow.

All Masters of the Air.
Rene Simon, "fool flyer," and exponent extraordinary of the art of aviation; Roland G. Garros, altitude and cross country flight record holder; Rene Barrier, "Boss Brummel" of aircraftmen, representing France, will demonstrate the wonderful possibilities of the Elmeriott; Edmund Audemars, of Switzerland, and Roland G. Garros, of France, operating the Demoiselle, the most fascinating and at one time dangerous of all the heavier than air craft, will show what can be accomplished with this remarkable little machine, they being the two survivors of more than 20 noted flyers who have met death in their endeavors to call themselves masters of this modern product of men who would fly.

Charles K. Hamilton, who first gave to El Pasoans a glimpse of the biplane, comes as a member of this international body, supplied with one of the most remarkable machines in the history of aviation, the huge, somber-colored biplane, styled the "Black Demon," equipped with a 14 cylinder 110 horse power Gnome motor, the first of its kind and size ever installed in an aircraft. This powerful motor, of more horse power than is used to drive many of the big automobiles in the city, was installed on the Intrepid Little American's machine since the organization entered the state, and at Houston, last week, in a trial flight, gave promise of revolutionizing the idea of speed in air craft.

To Try for Record.
Mr. Hamilton is authority for the statement, with weather conditions permitting, he will endeavor at the El Paso meet to add to the thousands of friends that he made on his former appearance here, by a try for a new world's biplane speed record, while John J. Frisbie, Ireland's contribution to the world of aviation possibilities, will demonstrate his remarkable control of the Rochester biplane, and incidentally introduce for the first time locally his wonderful man-carry-

ing kites; and last, but not least, Joe Seymour, hero of a hundred speed trials, in his big 155 horse power automobile, will endeavor to wrest part of the laurels from his colleagues; the bird men, in trials of speed on the local race track, in competition with the aircraft. What a wonderful program to offer for the edification of those interested in this newest of amusements, and as a visitor to the Houston meet says:

Some Comment
"One no sooner gets his breath from one daring exhibition until you are called upon to gaze in wonder and amazement at some unheard-of feat of these death defying pilots of the air." As an illustration of this spirit of novelty in the program, the visitor said: "The official announcer proclaimed that Roland G. Garros would ascend in the Elmeriott, a thousand feet or more, and the Intrepid Frenchman rose like a graceful bird, soaring to ever widening circles, for all the world like an eagle; he mounted higher and higher until his indicator showed an elevation of some few feet under a mile, when he gave the Houa, uttering the most remarkable performance in the history of the five days. When he had attained this elevation, he impaled in darts and glides and figure eights, now appearing like a soaring bird in an azure spot in the heavens, he drove the nose of his monoplane through a tank of black, lowering clouds, faring lighter and thither, apparently no larger than a humming bird.

Emerges From Clouds.
When manager P. L. Young ordered, the signal bomb for his descent to be fired, a second later he emerged from a dense mass of clouds, and 20,000 uplifted faces blanched as he turned the nose of his machine down at an angle of 45 degrees, shut off the burning motor, and glided in one long, graceful dip, until the wheels of his machine touched the aviation field. Quickly switching on his motor, he rose like a rocket to a thousand feet, descending again in a terrific spiral glide, he traversed the entire length of the grand stand, doffed his cap and threw it as a souvenir to some lucky spectator who had witnessed this new dare-devil contribution to the art of aviation."

Coming Next Wednesday.
The special train bearing the aviators will arrive over the Southern Pacific the day before the meet, and the army of mechanics and attendants who accompany the party will immediately get busy rigging up the aircraft for the exhibition.
A great deal of credit is due to the local committee in having the temerity to guarantee the sum asked by the management of the bird men, and aside from the amusement which it will furnish the thousands of outside visitors whom the railroads are already preparing to accommodate, El Paso will receive a wonderful lot of advertising, should the meet develop a new world's record.

IS ARRESTED FOR
'ARRESTING' 3 BOYS

Carriazo, N. M., Feb. 4.—A man giving his name as Jacob Garage, was arrested here by deputy sheriff Greer, and taken before justice of the peace Maesie, where he had a hearing on the charge of impersonating an officer. Garage claimed that he was a United States marshal and was in search of fugitives who were wanted in Colorado, where they were charged with being implicated in the kidnapping of a young girl. He arrested three boys and was preparing to lock them up, as he said they were the persons wanted when he was himself arrested by the deputy sheriff.

At the hearing before the justice he admitted that he was not an officer and said he did not know why he had arrested the boys. In default of bail, \$500, the alleged officer was taken to the county jail at Lincoln to await the action of the grand jury.

Mrs. Russell Sage Gives
Cornell University \$300,000
Ithaca, N. Y., Feb. 4.—A gift of \$300,000 from Mrs. Russell Sage to Cornell University is announced by president Jacob Gould Schurman, to provide a new dormitory for women students.

It will be known as Prudence Riskey hall in memory of the mother of Mrs. Sage.

Mrs. Grace Hungerford, of Chicago, will be the guest of Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Brown for a bout three weeks. She will arrive Tuesday.



1. Rene Simon again rising from the ground after a spectacular 3000 foot glide. 2. John J. Frisbie in his Rochester biplane starting out on a cross country flight. 3. A Elmeriott monoplane turned turtle. This happens every now and then even to the most careful aviators. 4. Roland G. Garros ready to start on a flight in his Demoiselle, the smallest and most dangerous of all heavier than air machines. 5. Rene Barrier, the noted altitude flyer. 6. Charles K. Hamilton starting out on a cross country flight. 7. Rene Simon, the world's most reckless monoplane driver who has won the well merited title of "The Fool Flyer."

WOLF HUNT IS HELD;
MANY NEW SETTLERS

Dalhart, Texas, Feb. 4.—The wolf hunt, held Friday, was exciting, and nearly everyone in the city took advantage of the occasion and enjoyed the day's sport.

The Dalhart hotel has been moved to its new location on Denrock avenue and is being repaired and refurnished ready for occupancy.

The remains of W. A. Kendall, who died west of town, were taken to his former home at Honey Grove, Iowa.

J. J. Morris is fitting up the Denrock avenue room in the Felton block for a dry goods store and will occupy it soon.

D. C. Atkinson has leased the old Guber room on Denrock and has opened a meat shop.

Farmers are now threshing their milo maze crop and report the quality and quantity satisfactory.

A large number of new settlers are arriving daily from the east and north, locating on lands adjoining Dalhart.

The Miller Plumbing company has leased the Fredrick building, on East Denrock.

Hardly county commissioners are spending several thousand dollars grading and ballasting the Reta Blanco canyon approach to Denrock avenue. A fine 80 foot steel bridge will be put over the canyon and will be completed soon.

The executive committee for the Cattlemen's convention, to be held here March 7, 8 and 9, is actively at work getting the plans and arrangements complete for the event.

ALAMOGORDO STOCKS
OF GOODS ARE SOLD

Alamogordo, N. M., Feb. 4.—The entire stock of dry goods of the E. H. Cox & Co. store has been purchased by H. F. Cook, of San Antonio, who constituted the company portion of the firm. Mr. Cox may remove to some desirable place in Texas, if a satisfactory opening be found.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. S. I. Martin, on Vermont avenue, a baby boy.

The stocks of groceries and grain, including buildings, formerly owned by J. W. Brackville, at Cloudercroft, have been purchased by T. C. Newby, manager of the Southwestern Grain company at this place.

Frank Polak has resigned his position at Carmack's grocery as clerk and is now bookkeeper at the First National bank, the vacancy being caused by the resignation of Logan Meeks a short time ago.

Mrs. Donna Givens entertained at her home about 25 young people. Games were played, dainty refreshments served and a most enjoyable evening had by all.

J. D. Swope and John Prather left on an eight days' trip up in the mountains to look after their stock interests.

GORILLA AND DOG
FIGHT TO DEATH

Battle Lasts Less Than
Three Minutes, Dog Is
Killed.

New Iberia, La., Feb. 4.—A battle to the death, between a gorilla and an English bulldog was fought here early today, almost the entire male population of New Iberia being spectators. Much money was wagered and a pen 12 feet square and eight feet high was arranged.

The dog and gorilla were placed in the pen at midnight and in exactly two and one-half minutes later the dog was defeated. The dog leaped at the gorilla, the instant it was placed in the pen. The gorilla caught him as a man catches a baseball and then bit quickly through the dog's skull into the brain. He broke its back and tore it to pieces.

INTEREST GROWS
IN SUGAR BEETS

Portales, N. M., Feb. 4.—Four automobile loads of sugar beet enthusiasts went down to Arch and addressed the people of that community. Speeches were made by I. G. Briner, S. J. Nixon, T. J. Molinari and A. T. Monroe, after which the land listing took place. Several listed their land and completed the arrangements, others, whose wives were not present to sign with them, will sign later.

Prof. A. B. Sage, of the engineering department of the Agricultural college at Mesilla Park, was here this week inspecting the irrigation power plant.

Judge W. E. Lindsey has partitioned off one side of the front side of his office. This will be occupied by C. H. Rittenhouse as an office.

Arthur Jones and Judge H. F. Jones have returned from a trip to Crawford county, Missouri, where they went to look at a farm that Arthur was on a trade for. The land proving satisfactory, the trade was closed, whereby Arthur comes in possession of 160 acres valued at \$15,000, for which he traded town and county property in this county.

Honica & Beasley, real estate men, have a new automobile.

Portales has had a number of prospectors lately and several sales have been made.

S. F. Wooding, an old time citizen of Portales, has arrived from Ft. Worth, Texas, and has opened a meat market opposite Pearce & Patterson's drug store.

Roy W. Connally and Miss Prue Harris were married at the home of the bride's grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Heck, Rev. Mr. Heck officiating. Mr. Connally is owner and manager of the Connally Coal company. His bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Harris. A linen shower was given in honor of the bride by Mrs. W. H. Hill, many friends being present. Carnations were given as souvenirs. A two course luncheon was served.

TO REOPEN GRAVEL
PITS FOR BALLAST

Obar, N. M., Feb. 4.—The Rock Island and road is now taking steps to open the big gravel pit a mile west of here for ballast, which means the steady employment of a considerable force of men. The chief engineer states that the gravel is the best to be found on the 3700 miles of road under his supervision and can profitably be handled much further than ordinary ballast.

The pit was operated up to three years ago, when some question as to title arose, and work was suspended pending the settlement. The present activity of the company shows that it has been settled and the long delayed work will be started.

It is the intention to ballast 60 miles between Tucumcari and Santa Rosa and another 60 miles north from Liberal, Kas., this year. Next year the new Tucumcari and Memphis line will be permanently ballasted and by that time it is probable that the Rock Island will have a line from Tucumcari to Plainville, Texas, ready for treatment.

Ivar Mattson, a young Obar man, is here visiting friends, being on route from one of Prof. H. W. Campbell's demonstration farms at Holdredge, Nebraska, to the farm at Plainville, Texas. He wishes to become a thoroughgoing farmer and has adopted the practical method of soil study by hiring out as a farm hand on one of Mr. Campbell's farms, thus earning his way while pursuing his studies under the eye of an expert.

SAN ANTONIO TO GET
MANY STATE BODIES

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 4.—The Conservative association of Texas is in session here now. The next convention to be held here is that of the Texas association of general baggage masters, which will occupy two days, Feb. 15-16, and then will come the General Passenger agents of Texas for meeting in February. The Texas Cattle Raisers' association will meet here at three days beginning March 21, at which Col. Theodore Roosevelt will be a distinguished figure. El Paso and Fort Worth will make a spirited contest for the next convention of the cattlemen.

On April 20 and 21 the retail coal dealers of Texas will meet here in annual convention to discuss prices and transportation facilities among other important subjects pertaining to the coal business. The Southern Hardware Jobbers' association will meet here April 17 to 23 and in May the American Manufacturers' association will meet here. On November 10 the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues will hold its annual convention here.

The Pecan Growers' association of Texas will hold its convention here in November. Preparations are in the making for the entertainment of the delegates to the American Bankers' association, which is expected to meet here in November.

CARLSBAD PROJECT
OFFICERS ELECTED

Tracy to Represent Water
Users at Santa Fe and
Washington.

Carlsbad, N. M., Feb. 4.—In the election of officers of the Pecos Water Users' association, T. J. Sanford and A. M. Hove were the retiring president and secretary, and the interest in the election centered in these two offices. The full list of directors, consisting of Messrs. Osbourne and Doepf from Carlsbad; Wallace, of La Huerria; Wilson and Slocum, from Otis; Fanning and McShane, of Loving; and J. Hise Myers and J. Hartshorn, of Malaga, were present.

F. J. McShane and W. B. Wilson were given in nomination for president, and McShane receiving the majority of votes, was declared elected. For vice president J. W. Fanning and W. W. Slocum were placed in nomination, Alstom being elected. A. M. Hove, the retiring secretary, and Scott Etter, of Loving, were nominated for secretary, Etter being chosen. C. M. Richards, cashier of the National Bank of Carlsbad, was named as treasurer. His bond was fixed at \$12,000, the same as formerly.

The board of audit consists of J. Hise Myers and W. W. Slocum.

During the session the board called on F. G. Tracy, a former president of the irrigation company which owned the plant before it was taken over by the United States, to discuss the situation with the water users. He discussed conditions with the board, and was given a vote of thanks by the association. He was asked to represent the water users at Santa Fe, in which the appeals to the recent decision allotting to the Carlsbad project all the waters of the Pecos river will be heard.

Mr. Tracy will also be sent to Washington by the association to consult with the director of the reclamation service in regard to the graduated payments being asked for by the water users. The Carlsbad project is the only one that is actually repaying money spent on it, nearly \$70,000 being returned this year on cost of construction, but the farmers are somewhat handicapped in being asked to pay this sum every year.

Under the existing laws all the water of the Pecos river belongs to this project, and it is the desire of the farmers to secure a third reservoir and take in more water. Mr. Tracy will also present this matter to the officials at Washington.

The National bank of Carlsbad held its annual election of officers this week. Elliott Hendricks was elected president, Morgan Livingston, vice president, C. M. Richards, cashier, and Joe Livingston, assistant cashier. These officers are all directors. F. F. Doepf, S. I. Roberts and C. H. McEnathen, the retiring president, are the other directors of the bank.

Claude C. Gelvin died here from tuberculosis. He was nearly 28 years of age, and leaves a wife and a young son. He had been in the life insurance business up to within a few weeks before his death, and was well known in El Paso.

P. J. McShane, the newly elected president of the Water Users' association, sold his cotton through Cleveland & Sons, of Houston, Texas, on a basis of 15¢, cents, middling. Much of the cotton will grade strick or good middling.

YAGUI VEGETABLES PUT IN
COLD STORAGE AT NOGALES

Nogales, Ariz., Feb. 4.—The Nogales Electric Light and Water company has stored several refrigerator cars of tomatoes, eggplants and other vegetables, from the Yaqui river country to eastern points with ice.

Dave Loeb has moved his clothing store into the new concrete block of Dan Hagan on Morley avenue.

A blaze back of the custom house in Nogales, Sonora, called out the fire department. The fire was promptly extinguished without serious damage.

Jack London, the author, passed through Nogales en route to Hermosillo and Guaymas.

BIG TRACT OF LAND
IS SOLD AT SWEETWATER

Sweetwater, Texas, Feb. 4.—A deal was closed in this city yesterday involving the transfer of a 320 acre tract of land situated one and one-half miles north of Sweetwater. A. J. Pierce, of Hamlin, Texas, is the purchaser and the consideration was \$100 per acre.

The rapid growth of the city in that direction will soon make it a valuable addition to the city.

ALDRICH PLAN
IS WIDELY
ARGUED

Final Report of Monetary
Commission May Be Long
Delayed.

CANNOT BE MADE
AT THIS SESSION

Permanent Panic Cure Is
Sought by the Financiers
of Congress.

(By Frederic J. Haskin.)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 4.—The national monetary commission promises to be in the limelight for many months to come. Recently, senator Nelson W. Aldrich, chairman of the commission, submitted to it a plan for the formation of what is called the "Reserve association of America." This is intended to be tentative and to constitute a foundation for action. The commission will take its time in scrutinizing the plan and sounding public sentiment. It is certain that a final report from the national monetary commission need not be expected at this session of congress.

In the meantime, the submission of senator Aldrich's plan has served to bring about widespread discussion. There are many signs of an acute public interest in the question of reform of the country's banking and currency laws. Numerous trade bodies and commercial organizations have appointed committees to study the subject. Schools and colleges are devoting attention to the country's fiscal system, and students are debating whether changes are needed. Bankers everywhere are discussing the needs of the banking and currency laws and seeking enlightenment.

Congress Must Finally Act.

Sooner or later congress may be expected to be moved by all this agitation and discussion of monetary problems among the people, and to seek to pass a comprehensive monetary law. How soon this will be done is speculative, and no time, it depends much on conditions. Congress moves slowly when it comes to making any important alteration in the national banking laws. One reason for this is the feeling that the country has prospered under those laws, and that it may be wise to change them materially. Besides, few members of the house or senate have time to make a deep and careful study of fiscal legislation and the needs of the country with respect thereto.

Since the civil war there have been few changes in the banking and currency laws. It was then the national banking system was created. The financial act of 1906 put on the statute books what the Republican majority in congress held to be the verdict of the people, and established the gold standard. Divers plans for sweeping currency reforms were brought forward from time to time, but they were given little attention. It was not until after the panic of 1907 that there was a widespread demand for some provision of law that would afford more elasticity to the currency system and would tend to insure safety in a great financial emergency. The result of this was the enactment of the so-called Aldrich-Vreeland measure to amend the national banking laws, by providing for a system of emergency currency.

The panic of 1907 was attributed to the silver purchasing act and to tariff apprehension, but when the panic of 1907 occurred in the midst of what seemed to be a period of great prosperity, it led to much criticism of the banking and currency system. Since that time there has been a pronounced feeling that comprehensive currency reform must be brought about. The emergency currency measure of May 29, 1908, is a temporary law. It expires at the end of the year.

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